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'JOCK'S WAGGIN' TONGUB

Jock McIntyre, Editor.

TREAT SEED WHEN CONVENIENT

New Improved Ceresan can be applied as directed to well-cured seed months before planting. The seed can be stored in a dry building without injury or loss in effectiveness of the disinfectant.

Our Kemp treater is yours for the asking. We are also carrying Copper Carbonate and Formaldhyde.

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"Did you take the car out last night, Jim?"

"Why, yes, Dad, I took some of the boys for a little ride."

"Well, tell the boys, I found one of their little lace handkerchiefs in the front seat.

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Something new in a Handy Fruit and Vegetable slicer. Lattice Potatoes are the most exquisite garnishment for Meats, Fowl or Fish.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hopkins left last saturday for California by plane, to spend thirty days with Marjorie.

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Pot Cleaners, Chore Girls Chore Boys, The New Mystic Miracle and the Goldy Locks Curls improved metallic sponge.

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"Washa Time?"
"Ish 2 o'clock."
"How ya know?"
"Looked at the sun dial with m'flashlight."

—"v"—

Meat Saws, 18" and 24" also meat saw blades by the foot and designed length.

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Grocer: "Any Horseradish, Madam?"

Young Bride: "No, thank you. We have a car."

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PHONE 6

NOTICE

IN THE ESTATE OF CHARLES SUTTON, late of the vicinity of Champion, in the Province of Alberta, Farmer Deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named CHARLES HENRY SUTTON, who died on the 22nd day of January, A.D. 1942, are required to file with the undersigned Administrator of his estate by the 28th, day of February, 1942, a full statement, duly verified, of their claims and any securieles held by them, and that after that date the Administrator will distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which notice has been filed, or which have been brought to my knowledge.

Dated this 2nd day of February, A.D. 1942.

Wm. Ulrich,
Administrator,
Champion, Alberta.

Town and District

The Ladies Aid held their first meeting of the year Thursday, January 29th at the home of Mrs. Orr. There were 18 members and visitors present. The devotional period was in the form of a memorial for two of the oldest members, the late Mrs. Carlson and the late Mrs. Ulrich. Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Alcock spoke briefly. Business was a bazarr voted for and Committees arranged for same. The budget for 1942 was completed. The treasurer, Mrs. Orr read the auditor's report and moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Stephenson for same. Members welcomed Mrs. Dan Harper as an old member. The meeting closed by singing God Save The King.

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G. M. Campbell, Seth Alexander and Jock McIntyre were Champion residents who attended the annual meeting of the Southern Alberta Fish and Game Association in Lethbridge, Wednesday.

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Mrs. Brown McDonald received word last week of the death of her mother, Mrs. J. H. McIvor, at Concord, New Hampshire, following a short illness. Mrs. McIvor spent a few weeks in Champion several years ago.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends for their kindly helpfulness in our sad breavement and for their expressions of sympathy and for the many beautiful floral tributes. We also wish to thank Dr. Freeze, Dr. Wellwood, Nurse Mullen, and the nurses of Carmangay hospital.

WM. ULRICH and ARTHUR.

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CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank the Champion Friends for the beautifull tributes for Mr. Charley H. Sutton's funeral.

CHAMPION NEIGHBOURS.

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ALSTON OLD TIME DANCE

The Alston U.F.A. are holding an Old Time Dance, Friday February 5th, at Alston. Music by Mack's Orchestra (Nanton). Admission—Gents 75c, Ladies 25c (Including Lunch). **Everybody Welcome.**

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Curling commenced again Monday evening at the local rink. It is hoped that the weather will remain cold enough for a week or so to enable the devotees of stane and besom to work off a little of the pent up enthusiasm which has been occassioned by the summer weather obtaining in the district.

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Orchids to the Salvage Committee for disposing of the local collection of scrap metals "as is" for the sum of $300.00 cash. A nice contribution in the way of metal to the war effort and a nice tidy sum for war charities. Carry on! The Committee still wants more and more scrap metals and scraps of all kinds. Phone Fred Watts and he will arrange to have your scrap metals picked up.

At a meeting of the Cleverville Pioneer Club, executive, held Monday evening it was decided to purchase a Victory Bond in the forthcoming campaign with money not immediately needed by the club.

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The Cleverville Pionerr Club held a very successful dance Friday evening in the Community Hall. About 275 people were present.

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Mr. Art Chaproiniere Sr. was home from Calgary for the week-end.

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Fifty ardent hockey fans from the Champion district attended the game between Lethbridge and Calgary at Lethbridge Monday night.

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Next week Champion Consolidated Schools will commence at 9:30 daylight saving time, and close at 4:00 daylight saving time.

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CHARLEY SUTTON PASSES JANUARY 22nd

Charles Henry Sutton who farmed in the Champion district for more than twenty-six years, passed away at Carmangay hospital on January 22nd. Mr. Sutton, at the time of his death was seventy-seven years of age, being born at Lafyette, Oregon, on the fourth of April, 1864. He came to the Champion district in 1913 from Moscow, Idaho. At one time, Mr. Sutton had one of the most extensive farm holdings west of Winnipeg, and had the experience of being written up in one of the Winnipeg newspapers.

Mr. Sutton was an outstanding community worker and took part in many projects for the good of the district. He was a member of the Elks and the Woodmen orders.

The funeral took place Saturday afternoon, January 24th, from the Community Hall. Reverend Peter Dawson officiated. The remains were buried in Champion cemetery. Pall-bearers were: Wm. McRae, U. G. Anderson, Fred Blachley, Anthony Batch, Stephen Fath, and Alva Baker. Snodgrass Funeral Home in High River were in charge of funeral arrangements.

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TOWN COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

No election will be held in Champion this year. On Monday, which was nomination day, two nominations were filed to fill the two vacancies occuring. Irl Ditto, the retiring councillor was renominated for another term. To fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mayor J. D. Henderson whose term of office had another year to run, Bob Maxwell, was nominated. A last minute dark horse galloped into the arena, but galloped right out again when it was found some technicalities prevented him from accepting nomination. A slight flurry was occasioned when one of the councillors appeared down town with the Book of Laws and read sections and sub-sections of the Town and Villiage Act to the nominee and nominators, explaining why and how the dark horse nominee could not accept nomination. With the withdrawl of the dark horse, peace once again reigned over the Champion political arena. Requiescat in Pace.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Public Notice is hereby given, that a meeting of the ratepayers of Champion Consolidated School, District No. 40, will be held in the High School, Champion, on Saturday, February 14th, 1942, at 1:00 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the annual report, and to receive nominations for the office of trustee.

By Order of The Board

Letters from the Boys in Uniform

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Here are more letters from the boys overseas, some are to the Chronicle thanking us for the airgraph letters we sent last month and some are to relatives which we have asked permission to print.

Canadian Army in England,

Dear Mom, Dad and Elsie:—Still nothing exciting to write about, but here are a few lines anyway.

What did you do at Christmas and New Years—it seems to me that I've been missing too many of them at home in the past few years. Be sure and tell me what you did and who got what and so on.

So far I haven't received any mail from you, only one letter that you wrote to Petawawa Mom, saying that you were sending an identity bracelet from Elsie. No doubt I'll hear sooner or later. Mail is beginning to come in for some of the fellows, so it shouldn't be long now.

Our Christmas was just so-so, on New Years Eve we officially opened the Sgts. mess and had all the officers there—it turned out to be a good night.

Everything is going along ok, for amusement we take in show after show—they are very good—the theatres are fine, and it isn't very expensive. I take in about three or four a week—they play on Sundays too, which sure helps to break that day up.

Are you getting my letters alright—you can hardly expect to get ok and will do my best to stay that them all—but I assure you that I'm way.

The weather here is just like either cold spring or late fall weather at home, only it is very damp and sometimes raining. We are in good quarters though, so can't complain.

I don't know whether I told you or not—but the other day I met Wilf McKay from Carmangay—also Ethel Cowell's husband. Its funny how you run into people.

I'm getting the Chronicle—kinda late, but its the best paper as far as I'm concerned. Read everything including the adds, over and over. It seems funny to hear about Betty Caldwell getting married—but I guess I must be getting old or something.

Well Elsie, how is the Valley—say hello to Lorna and her mother for me. It will soon be summer holidays again. There are quite a few fellows from the Valley in this outfit—in fact a corporal with me is Walter Bernard—he's a good guy. His wife lives in Turner Valley I believe.

Some of these days I'm going up to Scotland to look it over—either Edinburgh or Inverness—so far I haven't been able to get away.

Oh by the way, tell Horace Gill that I'm going up to Leicester the first chance I get and see if I can get in touch with any of his old friends. How is he anyway—tell him to write me a letter once in a while. Also tell Doug. Henderson that they still have them on the corners, and I don't mean pubs.

Well don't forget to write us some letters as we certainly like to get them. I haven't heard from Doris yet either.

Take good care of yourselves.

Lots of love,

GORDON.

—V—

January 11, 1942.

Mr. Stanley Orris.

Dear Sir:—I thank you so much for your kind wishes and greetings which came a few days ago by Airgraph. It is good to know that your thoughts are so much with us over here.

Please accept my thanks also for the papers which arrive quite regularly. It is a treat to spend a few moments now and then reading the home town local news. I have the pleasure of handing them on to friends over here who at one time were our next door neighbors in Champion.

Would you please be good enough to publish my thanks to all those who sent parcels to me from Champion

Yours sincerely, 'till the job is done over here.

BILL

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109 Bty. 1st L.A.A. Reg. R.C.A.
C.A.O.

BETWEEN YOU AND ME

by Stanley Orris

COME ON CANADA!

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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Orchids to Doug Henderson for his careful and efficient guidance of the town council during his term of years as Mayor. The finances of the Village as set out by the annual report at hand are in excellent shape, and bespeak well the work of the council. In a village as small as Champion, the honor of being a councillor or mayor is strictly one of honor, the position carrying with it no remuneration except the satisfaction of community service. On the other hand the person accepting public office is the recipient of many petty complaints and foibles which tax the good nature and sometimes the good health of the public servant.

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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Orchids also to Seth Alexander, a most efficient Secretary-Treasurer, and orchids also to Irl Ditto and Harry Smith for their public service as councillors.

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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Speaking of Mayors and Councils, when the council sits next it will decide who will be its Mayor for the present year. We are pulling for Irl whose service to the council has been the longest and merits the honor of being the Mayor of Champion.

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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The Victory Loan is directed towards you and me. It's success depends upon all of us buying our share. This is one thing you can buy on the installment plan without costing any more money. Pay cash if you can—Buy on time if you can't. BUT BUY!

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

v—V—v

The opposition parties in Ottawa are crying "The plebiscite is an insult to the Canadian people." They think the government should go right ahead and put conscription into effect anyway. Had the government attempted to do so the cry would probably be, "The government is breaking its election pledges, it should resign."

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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A Victory Bond is the same as money in the bank—you can borrow on it without extra cost if you need money for current expenses.

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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Can You let the boys down? Buy a Bond.

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We think the result of the plebiscite on concription will surprise a lot of people. It is our guess that Quebec will show Canada as a whole, that she is just as much Canadian as the rest of us.

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Buy Bonds For Victory.

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See you next week.

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Editor and Publisher

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Thursday, February 5th, 1942

THERE ARE NO SIDELINES NOW

The entry of Japan into the war has brought more Canadians to the realization of the warning which people of this country have had for two years, that nothing short of total war effort in Canada will be good enough eo defeat the foes of western coastline is actually part of free people. Now that Canada's the battle front and now that we have the spectacle of unbounded energy set loose in the United States, there can be few people left in Canada who do not grasp the truth that no one in the country can escape some contribution to an all out war effort.

Sometimes it is easier to do the spectacular thing than it is to carry out the drab duty. Workmen in factories can be carried on to almost superhuman effort by the definite knowledge that their handiwork is needed desperately by the boys who aim the guns. Sailors, soldiers and airmen can raise to heights of heroism knowing that the very existance of their country depends on them. But it can be harder for the civilian at home to realize that his job is just as vital in its way as that of the war factory worker is, as that of the youth in the armed forces. Yet that is true. Canada cannot supply the ships and guns and planes and ammunition unless her citizens provide the money.

The issue of bonds being offered this month will meet people who are in a new mood. The man or woman who was satisfied to buy a hundred dollar bond last June will likely feel the need now to buy five hundred dollars worth or more. Few will limit his purchase of bonds now that the enemy is on Canada's doorstep.

Although it has always been days of high excitement in Ottawa when Parliament convened in a new session and a matter of great moment throughout the land, yet likewise it was always considered to be a conventional social and political event when the lawmakers resumed their seats after a prolonged vacation. To-day, there is still much hustle and bustle in the capital, but the physical reassembly of the legislators is not the center of the national drama. It is not a social occasion, politics is not involved seriously, and this is not likely to be another rubber-stamp Parliament. While it must be confessed by this experienced observer that backstage along Parliament Hill there has always been one glaring fact that told the whole story of the principal trouble of many Canadian representatives and that unfortunate, almost unforgivable, fact was that these representatives often, too often, did not seem to realize the popular will of the man-in-the-street throughout Canada, yet this is not true to the same degree to-day, with the result that an impartial observer must report that this reaction is an extremely important hint of the shape of things to come.

The elected representatives of the Canadian people, regardless of their political faith, are raising rapidly now to the supreme test. In the past, it must be admitted that the legislators did not recognize frequently that the man-in-the-street thought about public affairs and what he wanted his representatives to do in a certain situation. Sometimes they did not even care. They concentrated their attention in political manoeuvres and in perfunctory ceremonies or formalities. They discussed public affairs in their own language. They used many high-sounding, bombastic, legal expressions. They bored and bewildered everyone by the use of technical expressions or astronomical figures in talking about financial and economical subjects.

A remarkable change can be noted now along Parliament Hill because these same representatives no longer engage in their old habits or practices. They are very serious and grim about the business of this new session. They came to the capital with full information about the attitude of the man-in-the-street in their communities in regard to certain war policies. They are ready for business from the start and they are putting in full time. It is a guarantee that Parliament will function in full vigor, that it will discharge its responsibilities in aggressive teamwork, and that it will co-operate with the Administration and the militia in appropriating all the manies and powers needed to fight this war on a total war basis, though there is concrete evidence along Parliament Hill that it will refuse to offer any mere acquiscent co-operation with the Government in order that the legislators may make sure that the monies and power will not be used in any other way than to achieve victory effectively and with alacrity.. It is definitely not another rubber-stamp Parliament and this will produce some unusual features in this new session.

Furthermore, there is also the disclosure along Parliament Hill that though it is absolutely essential that the representatives in Parliament contribute their full share to the prosecution of the war by a one hundred-per-cent co-operation with the Government and the militia, yet they should concentrate their attention on acting as the watchdogs or keepers of the public purse and as the policy-makers of the home front so that there shall be no waste, no delay, no purposelessness, and no interferences in the activities behind the lines. It is a popular impression in the capital that it is the duty of these representatives in this new session to see that this country is started properly on what may be the toughest year since Confederation because certain war policies may give an excuse for politicians or demagogues to sway or to influence people by words and actions in order to obtain power and benefits for themselves instead of aiding in really quickening the war effort, infering that these several measures of great importance may cause a certain amount of dishartening discord in the political field. However the demand now for an "all-out war effort" is so strong in all quarters that the Canadian Government and the Canadian people will not permit that these laws shall not be put through Parliament without delay. Within the ranks of all political parties in Ottawa, the sentiment is that whatever measuers are needed now to win the war, no matter how drastically they may fall on all concerned, that these laws should be enforced immediately and that the war effort should not be hamstrung by any party, group, leader, or section of the body politic of this country.

In plain language, the representatives have awakened to a consciousness of the grave, existing dangers. Previously, they knew such dangers existed, but it was the belief of many of them that their own country was exempt from attack. Protected by two oceans, they considered themselves the civilization of which they were a human part completely safe from foreign enemies. Of course, this is the old attitude. They have been released from their agnosticism. Now they feel that the struggle is only begun and what has happened before is only a foretaste of what the people of Canada can expect in this war against enemies that seek our downfall and serfdom with a bitter passion.

What does this mean to the man-in-the-street? It means that the man-in-the-street throughout Canada can expect the activities in the new session of Parliament to produce surprise after surprise because their representatives in Ottawa are showing anger, wrath, and, instead of doubtful timidity, a complete consciousness of the fact that our resourceful and ruthless enemies have profited again and again by the slowness of thir prospective victims to realize their danger and to make adequate preparation for any contingency. Whatever rationing of articles has taken place is only a forecast of the future ;whatever taxation has been imposed is only a foretaste; whatever hardships have been suffered are only a foretaste. Each new step-up in the war programme will mean a step-down in civilian life. The best way to get at the proper answer to this paramount question about the new session is to forget all about technical language, bombastic legal routines, high-sounding patriotic speeches, astronomical figures and percentages of national income and expenditure, and such abstactions usually contained in reports or dispatchos from the parliamentary meetings which seldom, if ever, are really understood by the man-in-the-street. The basic fact is, that whereas men and women have not worked in the past or they have not worked long enough, it is proposed that they will all work now and longer than they have worked before; whereas many men have not worn uniforms, many of them will be put into uniform; whereas, though it will not force people to starve, go cold, or homeless yet many men and women, born and reared in luxury, comfort and security, will have to suddenly made conscious of the ordeals of their fellow-citizens who have not been so fortunate in the past.

The elected representatives of the people are going to work in a surprising manner in this new session, and this will gear all activities of the man-in-the-street to the new requirements of the times in aggressive teamwork during the prevailing crisis. It is not the report of a philosophic observer but rather that of a practical observer that surprise will be an imperative prerequisite of the new situation backstage along Parliament Hill.

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Wartime Prices

Monthly charge accounts for January 1942 must be liquidated or arranged for by "the tenth day after the due date", i.e., by March 10th, otherwise merchants are prohibited by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board from making further credit sales of listed articles to such defaulting customers.

Farmers, fishermen, prospectors, trappers, hunters and other persons engaged in a primary or extractive industry, and ordinarily receive the main partof their income in one season of the year may purchase "listed articles" on an open charge account to the amount of $100, without being subject to the "due date" for charge accounts provided in Section 1, subsection (c) of Order 75. The period of credit may be as long as twelve months from the date of such purchase.

Under the new sugar regulations of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board housewives are placed on their honor as Canadian patriots not to buy more than three-quarters of a pound of sugar per week for each member of the household. Cafe, hotel and restaurant proprietors must remove all sugar bowls from their counters and tables and "serve sugar only in reasonable quantities when asked for by customers.

Provision is being made to permit housewives to purchase larger quantities of sugar if making marmalade, and preserves.

Restriction by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board on the sale of new rubber tires has created a demand for "re-treads". The new tires are needed to roll Canada's machines of war to victory.

Dealers must not charge more for used tires or tubes than during the basic period between Sept. 15 and Oct. 11 last, and must satisfy themselves that the customer has a real need for the tire or tube, for the essential operation of his car.

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LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

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Here is a letter from a personal friend serving in the R.C.A. at Petawawa Camp which we publish thinking it might be of interest to our readers.

—"v"—

Petawawa Military Camp,
Wednesday.

Dear Stan:—Please convey my congratulations to your circulation department—it is really functioning. "The Chronicle" is arriving here regularly and just as regularly I am reading through it. However the Sports Dept. is disappointing—will you check up on them and make them explain why I can never find cock-fighting results from Havanna Cuba; The Russo-German cross-country races or how Gobbels is making out these days in his chester-field rugby?

No foolin'! the sheet looks very good Stan. The advertising is presentable and sounds sincere. (Can't say that of some newspapers) The typography is damn good for the limitations a country printer has, and I caught only one typog. error in the issue of Jan. 22nd. Also liked the column of comment which you've started under your own name. It has occurred to me that you will get stuff read there which your people won't see under an editorial head.

However, as we say in the army—"Are you happy?" Any regrets for having left Winnipeg? I doubt it. But I'll enjoy a letter sometime, if you please, letting me know how you run the Champion Chronicle. I'm sure you've had plenty of interesting experiences already. There is, incidentally, no interesting news from here, except that I have been reading—books! Balzac and Zewig and stuff. To bear boredom.

Cheerio for now,
BOB.

—"V"—

England,
December 29, 1941.

Dear Mr. Orris:—Just a few lines to let you know that I received the airgraph message which you sent.

This may not be a very newsy letter, but I will endeavor to do my best in making it so.

The battery I am in has been on gun-sites for approximately the last five months. In all this time we have had no encounters with any enemy aircraft. But are really hoping for the chance.

My father and I have been together most of the time down here, But as he took sick a short time ago and went to the hospital and then to the holding unit, we have been split up. He, at time of writing, is still in the holding unit and doing fine.

On these gun-sites we get a 24-hour pass (which entitles us to go practically anywhere) every ten days. These are to help relieve the monotony of our positions. I go to visit some old friends and also go to London seeing the sights.

I came back from Birmingham a short time ago, where I spent a seven day leave. As my father was in the hospital there, and I went to see him every day, I did not have much time to look Birmingham over.

Before very long we expect to be moved, as we have been a little too long on these present sites and the army officials think we are getting lax in our duties.

I was at our B.H.Q.'s for a week. They figured we were getting sloppy and took us up there for smartening up drill. We went out every morning with our complete web equipment on, and had to stand around or do some foot drill for about half an hour. The rest of the day was spent in doing foot drill, rifle drill and P.T. Then one day they got a brain wave and took us on a fourteen mile route march. As it was some time since I had done any marching,I felt pretty "stiff" after I arrived back at barracks.

The weather over here has been pretty chilly for the last day or so. Last night it froze our water pipes and there has been a heavy frost. and we were in a bad fix for water through out the day. It has warmed up considerably to-night though. I hope the weather in Alberta has not been too severe this winter, and you have had none of those bad blizzards.

As this is about all I can think of to write, I will close, hoping this letter finds you in the best of health and luck.

Yours sincerely,
ERIC A. DIEMERT.

P.S.—Mr. Orris, if by any chance you put this letter of mine in the paper, will you also add my best wishes of the New Year to all my friends, etc., in Champion. Thank you.

— V —

January 5, 1942.
Somewhere in England.
December 30, 1941.

Dear Mr. Orris:—I have been intending to write to you since I received the first paper over here. Because there was another man by the name of Thomas and his initials were the same as mine, only backwards. Just to give you an idea of the similarity, I will put down the two. As a result some of mail went after him. He is still in Canada.

My address starts like this:
R103631,
L.A.C. O. P. Thomas,
His address starts like this:
R101633,
L.A.C. P. O. Thomas,

So, I think you will see the similarity and will understand why I think I am the forgotten man on occasions.

While I am on this, my full address is chanfed to the following:
R103631,
L.A.C. O. P. Thomas,
R.C.A.F. Overseas,
Base Post Office.

They ind it comes through more quickly through are Base Post Office than through the R.A.F. Records.

Really, when you stop to consider the volume of mail that comes through—the Base Post Office does pretty well. It always is very irksome until it starts coming. For the first month in England everyone was wondering when the mail was going to start.

It was most thoughtful of you to remember us with an Airgraph. There was quite a flood of them at first so there was a little delay in getting them, but they were none the less welcome. I received mine on December 20. It was the first one I received. The good wishes you sent from the community are fully reciprocated. I hope the crop was the best ever and that all are in the best of health. Give my regards to those in Champion. I did not know until I got the Chronicle that George Depue has moved to Stavely. It will certainly seem different with Georg gone.

When you see Charlie Taylor, tell him that the Editor's son who used to live at Arrowood and later moved to Bassano is in the same bunch as we are. He wants to send his best to Charlie. Maybe you know his dad. He still is in the paper business, I believe, at Bassano.

How are you finding things in Champion? I did not know that there was a change and I wrote to your predecessor. Where is he now? Did he go back to Macleod? Champion can stand a live-wire Editor. The trouble you may have to overcome, although your previous incumbent did much to assist, will be to make it of interest locally. Advertising is very necessary, but the average reader likes to know what is going on in the community. I see you have started out well on that way. As a person remote from Champion I can assure you I enjoy this section immensely. When I get through with this course, I hope to have more time to look around and see some of the other boys from home.

On Sunday we had a very nice time. The boys from the University of Alberta, Radio Mechanics of the R.C.A.F. who were at Edmonton this summer and are now over here got together and had a chicken dinner. We had to get a lot of permission to have it but it was well worth while. We went by bus to Marlburough, Wiltshire, and there partook of the feast. After having a very sociable afternoon and evening we went back to work. It is likely the last time we will be able to meet together like this until after the war—in Berlin.

Christmas was a delightful day in some respects and horrible in others. They tried their best to make it nice for us who were far away from home. The Officers and the kitchen staff were most considerate and gave us a splendid turkey dinner with red plum pudding. After dinner, when we went back to the huts, I think every Canadian was as homesick as he could be. It was about time that you folks would be getting up and looking at your trees. Our thoughts naturally went over to you and we felt so very far away.

However that is over now and we all hope another Christmas will see us back home with those we love.

The boys in our outfit are all tops as far as health goes. Ron Marshall, from Viking, is here too. He is enjoying life along with all the Albertans. It is cold just now, but you would not notice it in Canada owing to the fact that you have fires inside whereas, here, they do not believe in heating buildings. Here you do not know whether it is colder inside than out. The only thing there is to notice above all else is that we want action and are hoping to get it shortly.

Well I really have to close, as I have to go to classes. We are on from 1700 to 0015 every day for the next two weeks.

Thank you again for your kind wishes and extend my best to all in Champion. I hope you find things well in your business, and 1942 is the most posperous year yet.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL THOMAS.

P.S. Tell the Red Cross we got some socks on Christmas as well as other comforts previously. O.B.T.

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Somewhere In England,
January 9th, 1942.

Dear Sir:—I thought I would drop a few lines just to let you know I am receiving your paper, and appreciate them very much.

I thank you for your paper and look forward to getting them.

Yours sincerely,
M3616 Gnr. Urquhart G. R.
B. Battery,
No. 1 Canadian Artillery Reinforcement,
Canadian Base Unit,
Canadian Army Overseas.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF FINANCES OF THE UNITED CHURCH LADIES' AID

Following is the annual report of receipts and expenditures of the United Church Ladies' Aid:

Receipts—

Treasury Branch Balance Jan. 1, 1941	$ 43.21
Dues	5.50
Collections	17.95
Bake Sales, Teas, Harvest Dinner	91.00
Auction Sales	37.30
Galloping Teas	11.30
Concert	20.00
Bazaar	55.65
Talent Money	1.00
Donation from Mr. McRae	5.00
Miscellaneous Items	5.25
TOTAL	$293.16

Expenditures—

United Church Board	$180.00
Flowers	9.93
McIntyre and Co.	5.65
Beehive	.85
Gift	1.90
Sunday School	5.00
Cleaning Church	5.55
Hall Rent for Bazaar	3.00
Material	8.41
TOTAL	$220.29

Balance in Treasury Branch Dec. 31, 1942	$ 72.87
Jan. 1, 1942	$ 43.21

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